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A PUBLICATION OF TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

taylors Our goal is for every person to know God and to worship Him. From the youngest preschooler to the senior adult, from choirs and instrumentalists to the congregation, our scripture-based and spiritempowered worship is meant to exalt Jesus as our Savior and the only hope for the world.

Lunch with the Staff, June 4

New to Taylors FBC and interested in learning more? We invite you to join us for Lunch with the Staff on June 4! Sign up on the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events to let us know you're coming. We look forward to getting to know you more!

Bacon, Biscuits, and the Bible, June 28

Wednesdays at 9:00 am, Beginning June 28

Join us this summer on Wednesday mornings as the Ministerial Team leads us in a study of the book of Philippians. Breakfast is \$6 and includes bacon, sausage, grits, eggs, biscuits, gravy, pastries, coffee, and tea. Sign up for breakfast each week in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.





Southern Baptist Convention

Annual Meeting: June 13-14, 2023 | New Orleans Convention Center, New Orleans, LA

There will be over 100 ancillary meetings, events, and gatherings throughout the week connecting leaders and laypersons from around the country to be encouraged, equipped, and mobilized for Kingdom work. This meeting consists of representatives or "messengers" from cooperating churches, who gather to confer and determine the programs, policies, and budget of the Convention. Taylors FBC is allowed to be represented by twelve messengers. Those messengers (church members) must be sent by and registered through our church. If you have questions or would like more information on registering, please call the Church Office at 864-244-3535.

Summer Sermon Series

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi



Greenville Drive Baseball Game

Wednesday, July 5 | 7:05 pm | Tickets, \$12

As we spend the summer studying the minor prophets on Sunday mornings, we will gather together to watch a minor league baseball game! The Taylors Worship ministry will sing the National Anthem. Bring your family and root, root, root for the Greenville Drive! Purchase tickets in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc. org/events. Pick up tickets in the Welcome Center on Sundays, June 18 or 25.





Kids' Music Night of Worship

Our preschool and elementary choirs, Regeneration Student Choir and adult vocal team led us in Worship on May 7.

"What a wonderful blessing it was to be led in worship by our preschoolers, children, and students. They sang with such joy and excitement."

"Tonight was awesome! Hearing these children and youth sing out for Jesus was truly special. We're so proud of our little girls, and for all of the children, youth, and adults for the great job leading us in worship! Rise Up was a night to remember! God is so good!"







- Reach Trips This Summer

Because of your Generous Giving, Taylors FBC is sending out 6 teams to go minister this June and July.

Anchorage/Sutton, Alaska: June 3 - 11

Taylors Students to Los Angeles, CA: June 9 - 16

Jamestown, NC: June 18 - 24

Regeneration Student Choir to Nashua, NH: June 23 - July 1

Orange County, CA: July 20 - 27

Los Angeles, CA: July 28 - August 3



"I am most excited about partnering with the Life Community Church in Jamestown (NC) and showing my love for Jesus with the refugee children in that community. Our focus will be sharing the Good News through discipleship, sports, and music. Please pray that hearts will be open to the Gospel in the Triad area and for the Lord to use the eleven volunteers as his Great Commission vehicles."

— Mike Slice (Jamestown, North Carolina)



"I am super excited about our trip to Sri Lanka this August. I had prayed and knew I was supposed to be on one of the Reach trips this year. At the interest meetings, I had planned to visit the New England trip room, but when the time came, I found myself in the Sri Lanka room. I know God put me in that room, and I cannot wait to see how He will use me and our team. Please pray for me to have encouragement, strength, wisdom, and a loving attitude-especially since this is my first long distance trip without my husband."



"I am excited to be back again; this will be my 6th year. I'm also excited for what we get to do in the parks. Prayers for good weather and that we would have lots of kids to minister to!"

— Sara Evette (Anchorage/Sutton, Alaska)

— Nancy Martin (Sri Lanka)

Gospel Presentation Tool

3 Circles

3 Circles is a tool you can use to share the gospel. Scan the QR code or watch the video here: bit.ly/Build3Circles

Concepts to explain:

- God's perfect design: a personal relationship with Him
- Brokenness caused by our sin
- Our empty efforts to escape brokenness

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- God's provision: the death & resurrection of Jesus
- Our response: turn from sin and trust in Christ alone
- Restored to God's perfect design: New Creation

Suggested Scriptures: Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9-10, 13; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

Questions to ask:

- Do you have any questions about what I have shared?
- In which of the circles do you currently see yourself God's perfect design or brokenness?
- If they answer, "God's perfect design," inquire about their salvation testimony; then, equip and encourage them to share with others.
- If they answer "Brokenness" ask, "Would you be willing to turn from sin and trust Jesus today for your salvation?" If "yes," lead them in a simple prayer of confession and commitment to Christ as Savior and Lord.



Women's Missionary Union

The Women's Missionary Union (WMU) is a group that focuses on educating women on missions and supporting various missions groups while fellowshipping together each month. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:45 am in the Taylors Ministry Center, and you are invited!

The meeting includes business, announcements, and information from the prayer chairman, the treasurer, and Cindy Norris, the Taylors FBC WMU Director. We also discuss the mission project for the current month and next month. Our guest speaker is

introduced and presents their program. The meeting is followed by a nice lunch and time for fellowship.

Missions Education, Support, and

Fellowship

Join us on Tuesday, June 13 at 10:30 am in the Taylors Ministry Center

to hear from Cassandra Brayboy with "Just for Today"!

The WMU programs cover a wide variety of topics. Missionaries speak several times during the year and representatives from different missions and community organizations will also come and speak. Some previous organizations represented are The Ronald McDonald House, Miracle Hill, Shepherd's Gate, Jasmine Road, The Dream Center, Greer Christian Learning Center, and Village Wrench Bicycle Shop. The next meeting will be on June 13, where Cassandra Brayboy will come speak on the ministry and impact of "Just for Today." Contact Barbara McAnulty to let us know you are coming - 864-421-2275 or barbaramcanulty@yahoo.com

The Doll Ministry



Every Monday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, 25 to 30 ladies meet in the Taylors Rec Center to visit, fellowship, and make Salvation Dolls. "The Doll Ministry" of Taylors FBC began in 2019 and to date has made and distributed over 27,300 dolls! Every doll made during the year is given away; at the beginning of each new year, the process starts over at zero.

Each doll is made with love by our workers; the oldest member, age 98, works at home, sewing the closure after the doll is stuffed. The oldest person who attends regularly is 94. At each workstation, prayers are said for that particular task: drawing the pattern, cutting fabric, painting faces, sewing fabric bodies, stuffing the dolls, attaching the yarn hair, adding ribbons for girls and bandanas for boys, and tying a "salvation bead" necklace with a card of explanation around the doll's neck.

You may have included one of these dolls in your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Many dolls have been taken on Reach Trips to foreign cities and countries including Africa, Brazil, Prague, Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica, and others. A local dentist on mission to Ecuador uses the dolls as packing around his dentistry equipment when it is shipped. A local church took 250 dolls to Appalachia in 2022, and 500 were sent to Mexico for distribution. They have been shared with the victims of floods in Columbia and North Charleston. The dolls are used for local missions such as the Taylors Free Medical Clinic, Shepherd's Gate, and The Windsor House. Churches as far away as Texas and Montana have received the doll pattern to assist in starting new doll ministries. Many children and even entire families have given their hearts to Jesus after receiving dolls.

Opportunities to share dolls are everywhere. One of our members takes a bag full of dolls to the mall. While her husband walks, she greets children, offers them a doll and a coloring book explaining the plan of salvation, and tells them that Jesus loves them. In 2022, she gave away 495 dolls! A total of 2,313 dolls were made in 2022, with 821 given to Samaritan's Purse, the ministry headed by Franklin Graham.

You do not need to know how to sew to join the group. If you don't like your workstation, just move on down the table! All are welcome. For further information about this ministry, contact Tricia Phillips at 864-630-1659.





iFACE Ministry

iFace is a national nonprofit organization that seeks to equip local churches to welcome internationals to their communities. Taylors First Baptist Church is partnering with iFace to welcome and serve the refugee families in our local community. iFace will be hosting an English Learning camp for refugees living in Greenville County this summer. Volunteers are needed for childcare, teaching VBS-style children's classes, assisting with English classes for adults, transportation, snacks, and more. Contact iFace Coordinator for Greenville, Laura Hornby, at laura@iface.org for more information. Scan the QR code to volunteer!







TAYLORS REC



Adult Beginner Pickleball Clinic July 5 - 7 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Have you been interested in playing pickleball? Have you watched the game and wanted a better understanding? Then this is the class for you!

The clinic is for beginners and even those who have never played before.



Men's Pick-Up Basketball Mondays 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Taylors Rec



Indoor Cycling Classes

Tuesdays 6:30 pm | Thursdays 8:30 am Fridays 6:15 am at Taylors Rec

Sign up for camps in the Church Center App or at taylorsrec.com.



Dance Day Camps

June 7, June 14, June 26, July 3, July 31 Ages 3 - 4, 12:00 - 2:00 pm | Ages 5 - 10, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

\$30 per day camp

Weekly Tumbling Classes

June 8 - 29 Ages 2 1/2 - 3, 9:30 - 10:00 am | Ages 4 - 5, 10:00 - 10:45 am Ages 6 - 10, 10:45 - 11:30 am

\$30 for the classes

Kids Adventure Day Camp

June 20 Grades 5K - 5th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$10 for the camp

Grant Harrelson Basketball Camp

July 10 - 13 Grades 1st - 5th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$100 for the camp

Tumbling Day Camps

July 11* | **July 20*** | **July 25*** | **August 4**** *Ages 3 - 5, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Ages 6 - 10, 12:30 - 3:00 pm **Ages 3 - 5, 12:30 - 2:30 pm | Ages 6 - 10, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

\$30 per day camp

Weekly Intro to Jazz and Ballet

July 12 - August 2 Ages 2 1/2 - 3, 12:00 - 12:30 pm | Ages 4 - 5, 12:30 - 1:15 pm Ages 6 - 10, 1:15 - 2:00 pm

\$30 for the classes

Cheer Camp

August 1 Ages 4 - 10, 12:30 - 5:00 pm | Split by Ages 4 - 5 and 6 - 10 Demonstration at 4:45 pm

\$30 for the camp

Tennis Camp

August 2 - 4

Ages 6 - 10, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

\$40 for the camp



Equip Weekend

Our weekend with Jim Shaddix was inspiring to many. Dr. Shaddix serves as Professor of Preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, occupying the W. A. Criswell Chair of Expository Preaching.

No matter how much I've grown over the years in my walk with Christ, I'm amazed that there is always so much more! The Apostle Paul says, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" (Romans 11:33). Equip Weekend was deeply convicting as Dr. Shaddix reminded me of both the privilege and responsibility we have to consistently lead people to the life transforming power of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God.

No amount of hard work on my part and no wonderful new resource has the power to transform lives. Life transformation is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit. So whether I'm counseling with broken people, coming alongside those who are suffering, leading a marriage course, or connecting new members to the church, my priority must always be to guide them to the life-giving Word of God and to pray fervently for the power of the Holy Spirit to transform their lives. Only then will I see healing from brokenness, lasting comfort for the suffering, thriving marriages and families, lasting biblical community, and a church that reflects the glory of the Lord.



The world says, "strength through strength," but "we must embrace strength through weakness."

— Jim Shaddix

Kathy Dority, Minister of Connections



Jim Shaddix said, "We live in the 'how-to world," but the 'why' is far more important" as teachers. I felt like this freed me from getting too caught up in the various methods of teaching and allowing me to get deeper into the truths that the Spirit wants to teach our group through a particular passage.

He also shared, "We should see the difference between 'God stuff' and 'good stuff.'" I could really relate to this in that I, at times, will stumble across information relating to the scripture that leads me down a rabbit trail and away from the main point of the passage. This reminded me that the main thing is the main thing!

I don't think that I've ever heard the Trinity described in quite this way: "It is the GOD who speaks, the SON who saves, and the SPIRIT who inspires and empowers." I look forward to having the opportunity to use those words with others.

Gerald Caskey, Life Group Leader





Life Groups provide a small group community, where people can engage God's Word together, pray for one another and care for one another's needs. Scan the QR code to find a group.



"Life transformation does not come from application but explanation. Application demonstrates life change but does not produce life change."

— Jim Shaddix









Pray for the children and leaders at the Very Best Summer, June 5-8, as they learn about Creation!

Event Recap

Annual Grill It & Kick It for Moms and Sons!

Our goal for this event is to create a time for moms and sons to have a fun night outside together. We grilled out, played games, and had an awesome water slide! We are so thankful to everyone who came out and hope to see more of you next year!









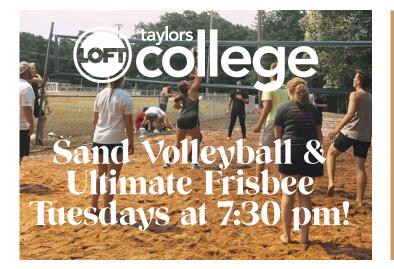


Summer Experiences

ReUnited: A Summer Experience

Join us on Tuesday, June 20, from 5:00 – 8:30 pm in the Student Worship Room for a combined pizza and movie night! Come ready to be encouraged and entertained. After the movie, we'll have a time of worship. Bring a friend, and we'll see you there.







XYZ Fellowship

Mondays, June 12 and July 10 | 11:15 am | \$8

Sign up in the Church Center App or at taylorsfbc.org/events.





We are excited to introduce you to our 2023 Establish Network Summer Interns and our first Establish Network Resident. We are thrilled to play a small part in equipping them for the work of ministry, and we are expectant that God will use them to Change the World for Jesus!



Blake Faulkner Establish Network Resident



Laura Caroline Atkinson Reach Intern Anderson University



Ben Bullard Taylors Students Intern North Greenville University



Faith Ensley Taylors Children Intern University of South Carolina, Aiken Palmetto College



Grace Hartsell Communications Intern Anderson University



Abby Hensley Taylors Children Intern Anderson University



Bryson MacDonald Taylors College Intern Columbia International University



Parker Mallard Taylors College Intern Bob Jones University

The Establish Network equips leaders to Establish the Church and Change the World for Jesus.



Institute

The Institute is a discipleship ministry of Taylors First Baptist Church that provides a biblically faithful theological education for everyday Christians. The Institute offers a two-year discipleship program that meets on Wednesday evenings. The Institute also sponsors periodic seminars on topics related to the Institute's mission.

The Institute exists to equip members of Taylors First Baptist Church to think rightly about God and His world for the sake of living rightly before God in His world.

Internship

The Internship is a leadership development ministry of Taylors First Baptist Church that provides college-age young adults the opportunity to be actively involved in the ministry alongside faithful and experienced ministers. Young adults have the opportunity to serve within the Worship Ministry, Equip Ministries, and Reach Ministries. The goal is not only for each intern to grow in their ministry skills, but also in their character and call.

The Internship exists to develop multiplying leaders who make disciples wherever God calls them.

Residency

The Residency is an equipping and sending ministry of Taylors First Baptist Church. Residents have the opportunity to spend two years working alongside Taylors FBC ministers as they complete a Masters of Christian Ministry degree through Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and fulfill the requirements of their sending agency. Through strategic partnerships with the South Carolina Baptist Convention, North American Mission Board, and the International Mission Board, Taylors FBC will send our Establish Network residents as church planters to enter new communities, share the gospel, and make disciples.

The Residency exists to consistently equip and send church planters to make disciples in the least reached places and among the least reached peoples.



Our Church Family

Celebrate new members, anniversaries, stewardship, and more.

Welcome New Members



Clinta Carmichael April 30, 2023, by Letter



Rick and Jen Wilson May 14, 2023, by Statement



Justin and Hannah Steadman April 30, 2023, by Letter



Ricky Wilson May 14, 2023, by Statement



Lilly Gay May 7, 2023, by Baptism



James and Bonnie Lamb May 14, 2023, by Letter

Staff Anniversaries

JUNE Kevin Batson — 15 years of service Kay Lumpkin — 6 years of service Dick Kay — 6 years of service Amanda McKenna — 6 years of service Kaitlyn Ross — 5 years of service

In Memoriam

Jennie Morgan March 12, 1937 - May 9, 2023

Baptisms

We welcome to the Body of Christ through believer's baptism: Hannah DeMars, Samantha Slama, and Lilly Gay

Sunday Statistics

	4/30	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Nursery	78				41
Preschool	103				53
Elementary	102				68
Students	103				80
College	61			47	45
Adults					
Life Group Total	1,002				
Morning Worship	1,417	1,378			1287

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Ways to Give

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n the Church Center App

Online at taylorsfbc.org/give

Through online banking — set Taylors FBC as a payee in your banking system

Bring your tithe/offering to the Church Office

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Place your contribution in one of the Giving Boxes

Other Giving: Give through your charitable trust, charitable annuity, or your IRA Required Minimum Distributions

Legacy Giving: Give through your estate as a bequest



July 2 | 10:00 am One Service with Lord's Supper

Nursery and Preschool Life Groups at 10:00 am No Other Life Groups will Meet

Thank You

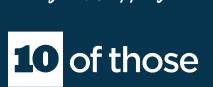
Sara Ader. Sara has served as a Financial Ministry Assistant for nearly 5 years. She has been focused primarily in our areas of payroll and credit cards, and has faithfully ensured that our staff was paid timely twice monthly. Please be praying for Sara as she considers ways to spend more time at home with her children.

Mason Freitas. Mason has served as our Director of Technology for just over 5 years. He has managed the technology to support our worship services both online and in person. He and his wife, Hunter, are proud parents to their newborn daughter. Please pray for Mason and Hunter as they invest in their daughter, and Mason as he embarks on a new career in audio visual event management.

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Stay Connected at Taylors FBC

Sunday Mornings

8:30 am: Band Led Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 6/4)

9:40 am: Traditional Worship

Nursery, Preschool, Elementary, Students, College, and Adult Life Groups

11:00 am: Taylors Worship

Nursery, Preschool, and Adult Life Groups Kid's Worship for 1st - 3rd Grade (except 6/4)

Evening

5:00 pm: Regeneration Student Choir (on 6/4, 6/11, and 6/18)

Download the Church Center App!

You can register for events, give, keep your information current, see the church directory, and access the church calendar!

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Opt-in to our Church Directory!

Church Members have the option to opt in to our directory. Just as we've had a pictorial directory in the past, we have built a digital pictorial directory that can be accessed on the app or computer. Only Church Members can view the directory!

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